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To: Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs\*  
Director, Fish and Wildlife Service  
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Director, Office of Surface Mining

From: Team Leader, Natural Resources Management  
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance

Subject: Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Implementation of  
the Base Realignment and Closure Commission Recommendations at Fort Lee,  
Virginia **(ER 06/661) (Agency due date: July 19, 2006)**

The Department of the Army, (USA) published in the November 23, 2005, Federal Register, a notice of intent to prepare EIS's for several Base Realignments and Closures. You may view the 2005 notice at: [http://www.access.gpo.gov/su\\_docs/fedreg/frcont05.html](http://www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/frcont05.html). By letter dated June 5, 2006, USA announced that they are soliciting input for the Fort Lee Base Realignment and Closure.

This notice gives you an early opportunity to provide technical assistance and/or to participate from your areas of special expertise or jurisdiction. If significant involvement is indicated, you should also participate in the follow-up scoping activities.

Comments should be made directly to the person/address listed in the notice by **July 19, 2006**. Please provide a copy of any comments you make to this office.

A related review is under ER 05/0994.

/s/ 6/29/06  
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June 5, 2006

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REFERENCE: PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE  
COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AT FORT LEE, VIRGINIA

Dear Mr. Taylor:

The Army is undertaking the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for implementation of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission recommendations for Fort Lee, Virginia. The proposed action is briefly described in this letter.

The purpose of this letter is to solicit your input regarding the potential impacts of the proposed action on the human and natural resources of concern to your agency. In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, the Army is assessing the potential impacts that implementation of the proposed action could have on federally protected species, as well as on other environmental, cultural, and socioeconomic resources. A Draft EIS is anticipated to be available to the public in September, 2006, and a Final EIS is anticipated to be available in February, 2007.

On September 8, 2005, the BRAC Commission recommended that certain realignment actions occur at Fort Lee, Virginia. These recommendations were approved by the President on September 15, 2005, and forwarded to Congress. Congress did not alter any of the BRAC Commission's recommendations, and on November 9, 2005, the recommendations became law. The BRAC Commission recommendations must now be implemented as provided for in the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-510), as amended.

Fort Lee is adjacent to Petersburg, Virginia (Figure 1). It is home of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command (CASCOM), an organization having the mission to develop logistics leaders, doctrine, organizations, training, and materiel solutions to sustain a campaign-quality Army with joint and expeditionary capabilities in war and peace. The BRAC realignment actions at Fort Lee include the establishment and relocation of specific organizations and activities to the installation which include: (1) establishment of a Sustainment Center of Excellence, (2) establishment of a Joint Center for Consolidated Transportation Management Training, (3) establishment of a Joint Center of Excellence for Culinary Training, (4) the consolidation of specific Defense Commissary Agency Offices, (5) the relocation of

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Defense Contract Management Agency Headquarters, and (6) the co-location of miscellaneous Department of Defense functions. Enclosure 1 contains more specific detail on the various realignment actions that will occur at Fort Lee. The complete text of the BRAC Commission's recommendations can be found at <http://www.brac.gov/Deliberations.aspx>. The EIS will analyze and document anticipated environmental effects associated with the implementation of the BRAC actions at Fort Lee.

The BRAC actions will result in the relocation of approximately 8,300 additional personnel to the installation. Fort Lee conducted an evaluation of all facilities and determined that there is a substantial shortfall in built space to accommodate the additional personnel and their equipment. The post's existing inventory of approximately 7.5 million square feet of space is, with very minor exception, fully used for current mission requirements. Accordingly, new construction is required. In limited instances, some units and functions could be assigned to existing facilities. Of these, some would require renovation to adequately support new occupants. Overall, however, the new and renovated facilities will account for a total of approximately 6 to 8 million square feet of built space. Areas within Fort Lee that are being evaluated as areas for placement of incoming activities are shown on (Figure 2). The EIS will assess a No Action Alternative, and other alternatives involving a combination of new construction and renovation of existing facilities.

Additionally, the Army proposes to conduct field training exercises and other operations at Fort Lee, as well as at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. Fort A.P. Hill is approximately 50 miles north of Fort Lee in Caroline County, Virginia, near Fredericksburg, Virginia. Figure 3 shows the locations of the proposed Forward Operating Bases (FOBs) and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) site at the installation. The installation provides realistic joint and combined arms training, logistics, and support. The majority of field training exercises will occur at Fort A.P. Hill. A limited number of ranges and supporting facilities will be constructed at Fort A.P. Hill to accommodate the increased training load.

It is requested that your input be provided within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you have any questions or require further information regarding the BRAC action at Fort Lee, please call Carol Anderson at 804-734-5071. If you have any questions or require further information regarding the BRAC action at Fort A.P. Hill, please call Terry Banks at 804-633-8223.

Sincerely,



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Colonel, US Army  
Garrison Commander

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## ENCLOSURE 1

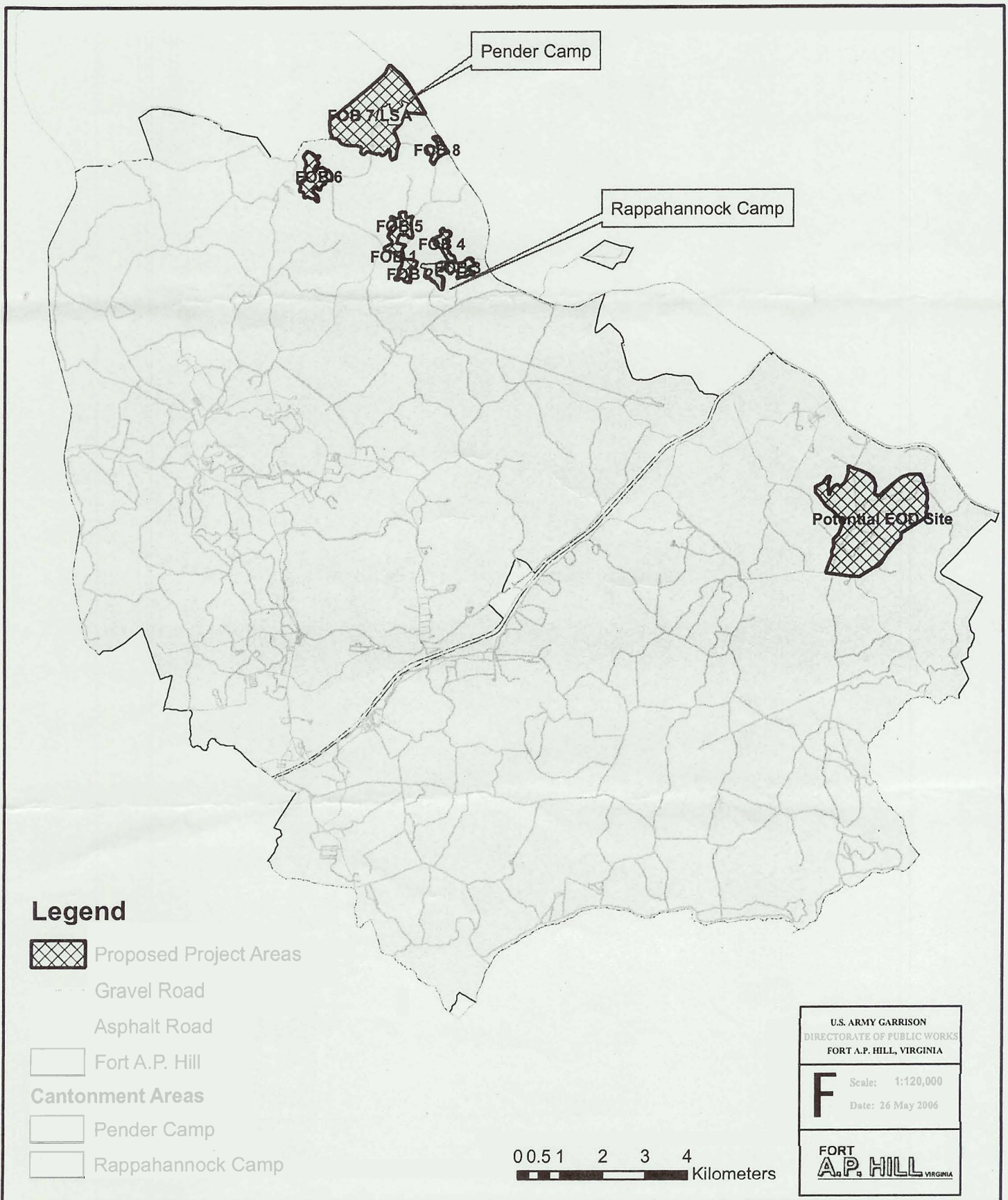
### *BRAC Commission Recommendations*

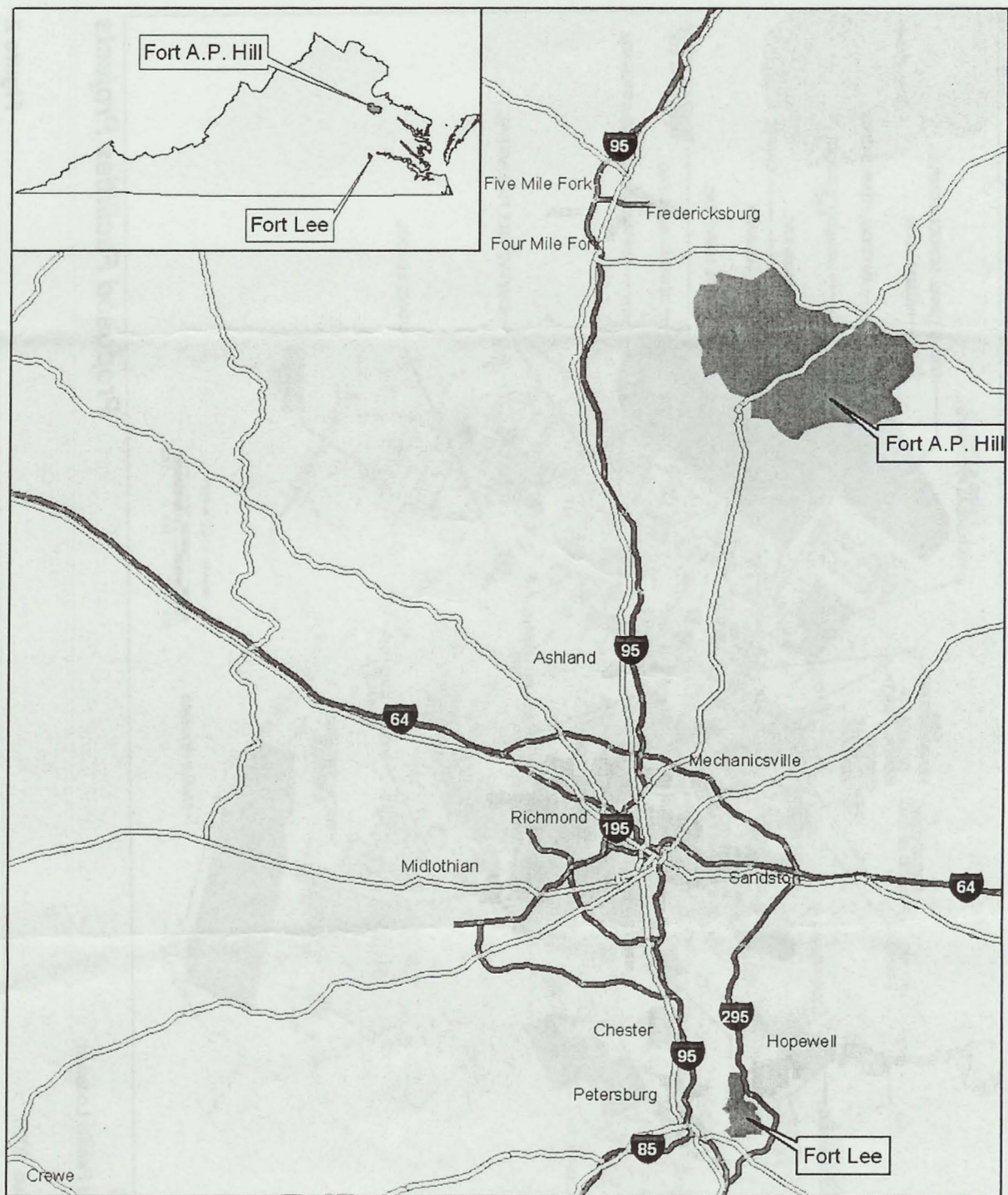
The Army proposes to implement the BRAC Commission's six recommendations concerning Fort Lee. The essence of each recommendation is provided below.

- *Combat Service Support Center.* Realign Fort Eustis, Virginia, by relocating the Transportation Center and School to Fort Lee, Virginia. Realign Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, by relocating the Ordnance Center and School to Fort Lee, Virginia. Realign Redstone Arsenal, Alabama, by relocating the Missile and Munitions Center to Fort Lee, Virginia. Consolidate the Transportation Center and School and the Ordnance Center and School with the Quartermaster Center & School, the Army Logistic Management College, and Combined Arms Support Command to establish a Combat Service Support Center at Fort Lee, Virginia.
- *Joint Center for Consolidated Transportation Management Training.* Realign Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, by relocating the Transportation Management training to Fort Lee, Virginia.
- *Joint Center of Excellence for Culinary Training.* Realign Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, by relocating Culinary Training to Fort Lee, Virginia, establishing it as a Joint Center of Excellence for Culinary Training.
- *Co-locate Miscellaneous DoD, Defense Agency, and Field Activity Leased Locations.* Close Metro Park III and IV (6350 and 6359 Walker Lane), a leased installation in Alexandria, Virginia, by relocating the Defense Contract Management Agency Headquarters to Fort Lee, Virginia.
- *Consolidate Defense Commissary Agency Eastern, Midwestern Regional, and Hopewell, Virginia, Offices.* Close 300 AFCOMS Way, a leased installation in San Antonio, Texas; 5258 Oaklawn Boulevard, a leased installation in Hopewell, Virginia; and 5151 Bonney Road, a leased installation in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Relocate all components of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA) to Fort Lee, Virginia.
- *Create Joint Mobilization Sites.* Realign Fort Eustis, Virginia, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and Fort Lee, Virginia, by relocating all mobilization processing functions to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, designating it as Joint Pre-Deployment/Mobilization Site Bragg/Pope.



# Fort A.P. Hill





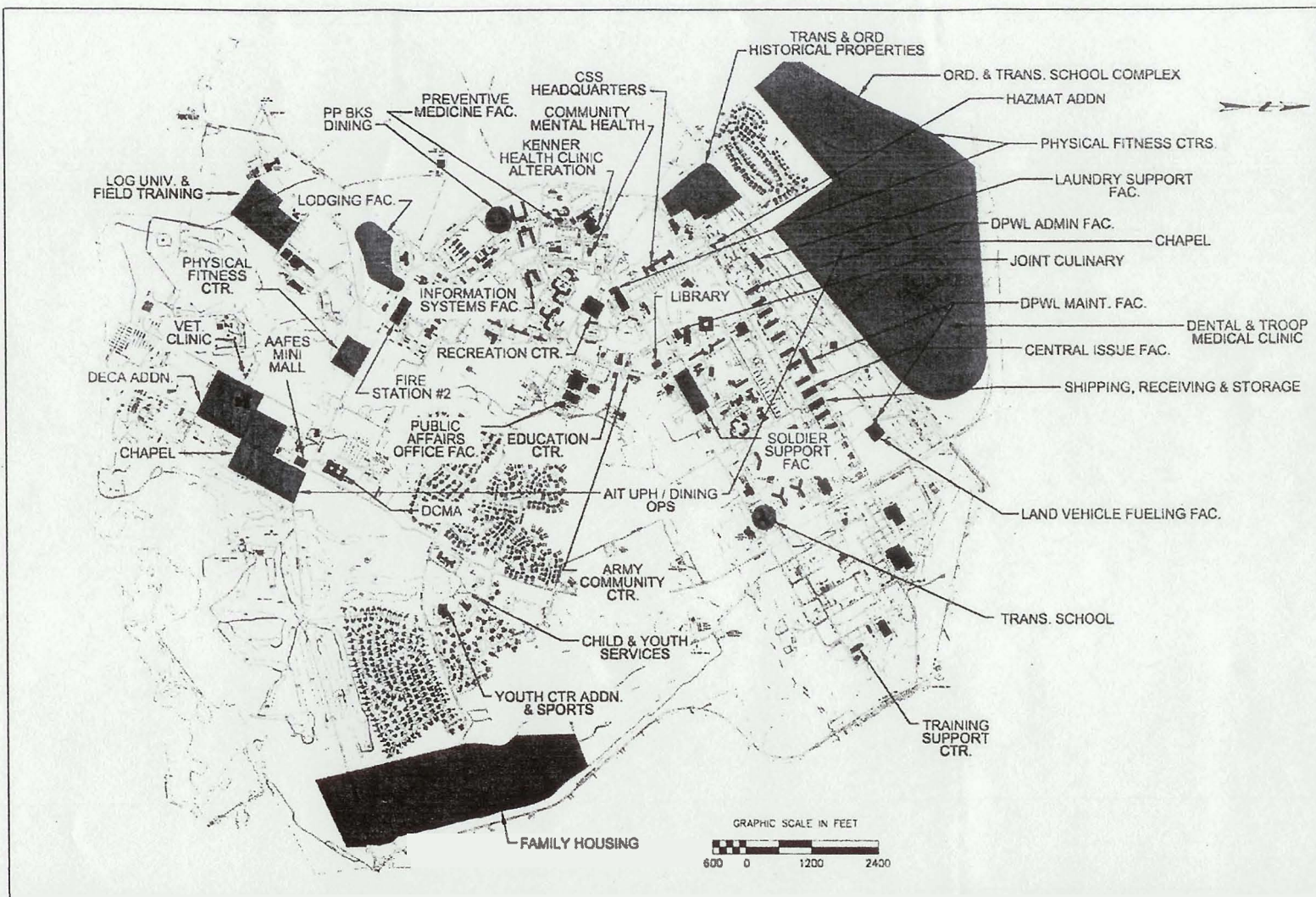
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**Installation Location**

**Figure 1**





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Proposed Facility Location

## Proposed Facilities Projects

Source: Fort Lee, 2006.

Figure 2